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REMARKS

Applicant submits a Petition and Fee for a One-Extension of Time.

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-2, 9-11, and 23-24 have been amended.

Entry of this amendment after final is appropriate and respectfully is requested. Claim amendments have been made to present rejected claims in allowable form and in better form for consideration on appeal, and so may be admitted. To the extent that an amendment presented touches the merits of the application, such may be admitted as necessary to clarify the claims. The amendment had not earlier been presented prior to receiving the new grounds of rejection provided in the outstanding action.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication that claims 2, 4-5, 11, 15-18, 22, and 24, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 10, and 24 have been amended to incorporate subject matter indicated in the Office action to be allowable.

Claim 9 has been amended to address the Office's double-patenting concerns. Claim 3 has not been amended. Instead, Applicant traverses the objection. Claim 3 is correct as presented. Applicant notes that 'accessing' one of the loop interfaces is done from the 'other' loop interface. The intervening phrase, bracketed by commas, specifies that all of the devices were detached from the 'one of the first and second loop interfaces.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-27, all claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the application be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

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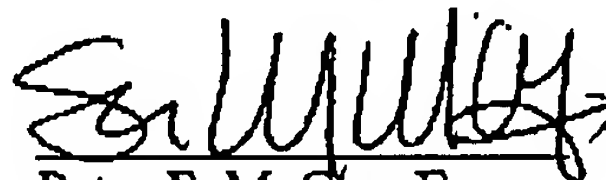


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CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Michael C. Maskulinski, Group Art Unit 2113 at fax number (571) 273-8300 this 9th day of July, 2007.



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